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The Director, National Science Foundation
The Director, U.S. Information Agency

SUBJECT: External Foreign Affairs Research

The attached memorandum from Mr. Kissinger transmitting the President's views and comments on the USC/FAR memorandum forwarded on March 14, 1973 is hereby transmitted for your information.

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Staff Director

Attachment:

Memorandum from Mr. Kissinger
dated April 24, 1973

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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The work that has been accomplished in developing a USC/FAR information system, as described in the status report on the work of the USC/FAR forwarded in the Under Secretaries Committee memorandum of March 14, has been noted with interest. As noted in my memorandum of September 28, 1972, this is an essential first step to ensure optimum utility of the research product and effective use of the resources expended in research.

Now that a Documentation Center on completed studies funded by government agencies, an interagency inventory of current projects, and nine Consultative Groups for the coordination of proposed projects of interest to more than one agency have been established, the USC/FAR is in a position to accomplish the interagency coordination envisioned by NSDM 98.

The possibilities for greater research opportunities for individual agencies, with consequently increased return on the resources expended for external research, should now be enhanced. The interagency exchange of information on 95 new projects being contracted for by individual agencies, the arrangement of joint funding for three and possibly two additional proposed projects involving FY 73 funds, and possible collaboration in the form of joint design, monitoring, and utilization of approximately 25 other projects represent a good start in this direction.

The President desires that particular emphasis be placed on the timely distribution of proposed project information by individual agencies to the other member and observer agencies and consideration of such information by the appropriate Consultative Groups. The objective must be the improvement in product utility and maximum effectiveness in the application of resources.


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